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IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM, I AM REPORTING ON WHAT IS THE VIRTUAL
CONCLUSION OF THE DANISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD
1977 THROUGH 1981. IN THIS CONNECTION, I AM FORWARDING
THE TEXT OF A LETTER I JUST RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF OF
DEFENSE, GENERAL BLIXENKRONE-MOLLER, WHICH SHEDS SOME LIGHT
ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

BEGIN TEXT. DEAR JOHN,

YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE, I AM SURE, THAT A MAJORITY
OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE DANISH PARLIAMENT HAS CONCLUDED
A NEW DEFENCE AGREEMENT, COVERING A 4 YEAR PRIOD,
FOLLOWING THE EXPIRY OF THE PRESENT ONE.

ALTHGOUH I CANNOT ADD MUCH TO THE NEWS GIVEN IN THE
MEDIA, I WOULD LIKE TO WRITE TO YOU, SINCE WE OVER THE PAST
YEAR HAVE BEEN DICSUSSING THE NEGOTIATONS LEADING UP
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TO THIS AGREEMENT.

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF TY AGREEMENT CONCERNS
THE BUDGET. I AM HAPPY T SAY THAT THE CUTS WHICH HAVE
BEEN DISCUSSED FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF A NEW AGREEMENT
WILL NOT TAKE PLACE, AND THERE WILL BE NO CUTS WHATEVER
DURING THE 4 YEAR PERIOD.

THERE WILL BE INCREASES IN THE BUDGET TO COVER
THE NEWLY INTRODUCED FULL PAY TO CONSCRIPT SOLDIERS,
SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE HOME GUARD, AND THE ADDITIONAL
FUNDS NECESSARY TO COVER THE INCREASED INSPECTION
ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE EXTENSION OF THE NATIONAL
FISHERY BOUNDARIES TO 200 NAUTICAL MILES.

THE BUDGET, THEREFORE, WILL CONTAIN INCREASES IN
REAL TERMS. THE SPECIAL DANISH SYSTEM OF REGULATIONS FOR
INCREASES IN PAY AND COSTS WILL BE MAINTAINED.

THE PERSONNEL STRENGTH WILL BE SLIGHTLY INCREASED,
AND THERE WILL BE GREATER FLEXIBILITY BETWEEN THE
DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL.

THE FORCE GOALS WILL BE MAINTAINED AND THE
IMPROVEMENTS CONCERNING MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR ALL
THREE SERVICES WILL BE CONTINUED.

ALTHOUGH THE NEW DEFENCE AGREEMENT WILL NOT FULFILL
ALL THE EXPECTANCIES EXPRESSED IN THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE
DRAFT, I THINK THERE IS GOOD REASON TO BE CONTENT.

IT IS PLANNED TO PROPOSE THE DEFENCE AGREEMENT
FOR APPROVAL IN THE DANISH PARLIAMENT IN MID-MARCH, AND
WE EXPECT A GREAT MAJORITY IN ITS FAVOUR.

JUST THESE FEW WORDS AS A CONTINUATION OF OUR
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FORMER TALKS. SHOULD YOU OR YOUR EMBASSY WISH TO
OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS, YOUR DEFENCE ATTACHE WILL BE
MOST WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEFENCE COMMAND.

YOURS SINCERELY,

/SIGNED/

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